

Please amend Claims 43, 71-72, 86, 92 and 95 as follows:

E1 1 43. (Once Amended) The makeup container of claim 39, wherein the housing
2 comprises an outer body coupled about the cover piece and the base piece, wherein
3 the outer body includes a cavity, the cavity allowing expansion of the cover piece or
4 the base piece.

E2 1 71. (Once Amended) A makeup case for holding a cosmetic substance, the
2 case including a cover and a base, the cover being movable to an open position and to
3 a closed position, an improvement comprising:
4 a hermetic seal when the cover is in the closed position whereby the seal
5 maintains the cover in the closed position;
6 an outer body configured for retaining the cover and the base within the
7 body.

1 72. (Once Amended) The makeup case of claim 71, wherein the seal
2 comprises a groove associated with the cover and a peripheral rim associated with the
3 base, the rim being received in the groove when the cover is in the closed position.

E3 1 86. (Once Amended) The compact of claim 85, wherein at least one of the
2 sealing surfaces comprises a wall.

1 92. (Once Amended) A container for storing cosmetics comprising:
2 base means for providing a base;
3 cover means for providing a cover selectively positionable between a first
4 position and a second position relative to the base means;
5 seal means for forming a hermetic seal between the cover means and the
6 base means wherein the seal means comprises:
7 a curved rim extending from one of the cover means or the base
8 means and a groove configured for receiving the rim disposed between a first
9 wall and a second wall extending from one of the cover means or the base
10 means;
11 a housing configured for retaining the base means and the cover
12 means;
13 wherein the hermetic seal is formed when the cover means is in the first
14 position.

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1 95. (Once Amended) The container of claim 92, wherein the seal means
comprises an insert.